

FINAL BILL REPORT

SSB 5044

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Changing work-study provisions.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Senators Kilmer, Berkey, Kastama, Schoesler, Marr, Shin, Rockefeller, Eide, Jarrett, Keiser, Tom and Kohl-Welles).

Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development
House Committee on Higher Education
House Committee on Education Appropriations

Background: State work-study was created by the Legislature in 1974. It was designed as a broad access program providing work experiences to needy students. Students are able to reduce their debt burden while they strengthen their resumes, explore careers, and gain work experience. Washington businesses potentially benefit by being able to preview potential future employees at a reduced labor cost (35 percent of wages). The state work-study program forecasting model projects that 9,549 students will use state work-study during the 2008-09 academic year.

Summary: The proportion of state work study subsidy expended on nonresident students is limited to 15 percent or a lesser amount if specified in the Biennial Appropriations Act. The HECB must establish rules encouraging job placements in high demand fields.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	48	0
House	98	0

Effective: July 26, 2009

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